GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF RAILWAY AGAINST POWER HOUSES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money of the Railways outstanding against the N.T.P.C., Delhi Vidyut Board and non-government power plants as on December, 1999 and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to realise the outstanding amount?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN PART (a)& (b) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARREDQUESTION NO. 1199 BY SHRI SATYAVRA CHAATURVEDI, TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2000 REGARDING OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF RAILWAY AGAINST PC HOUSES.
(a) The position is as on 31.12.99.

Name of Electricity Board/Power Houses	Total O/s as on 31/12/99	Central Railway	Eastern Railway	Northern Railway	South Central Railway	South Eastern Railway	Western Railway
1.N.T.P.C	17.03	2.51	13.99	0.47	0.06		
2.Delhi Vidyut Board	111.11			111.11			
3.Private Power House-Sabarmati	0.89					0.89	
4.Badarpur Thermal Power Station	1,001.27	0.05		1,001.22			
TOTAL	1,130.30	0.05	2.51	1,126.32	0.47	0.06	0.89

: N.T.P.C. managed unit

The outstanding against Badarpur Thermal Power Station andNational Thermal Power Corporation have been shown separately as Badarpur Thermal Power Station is a separate organisation managed by National Thermal Power Corporation.

(b) Some of the measures taken to recover dues and prevent further accretion are as follows:-

(1) In order to stop fresh accrual of outstanding dues against all State Electricity Boards/Power Houses, the cabinet took a decision on 13.8.96 that movement of coal would be on `prepayment` basis only. The decision was implemented for all State Electricity Boards/Power Houses w.e.f. 1.10.96 and in case of Badarpur Thermal Power Station and Delhi Vidyut Board w.e.f. 1.1.97. This measure has helped to reduce outstandings of several Power Houses, Badarpur Thermal Power Station which is unable to meet its monthly freight bill, and accounts for 68% of total outstanding against Power Houses as on 31.12.99.

(2) The matter regarding heavy outstanding dues against State Electricity Boards/Power Houses was brought to the notice of the Cabinet. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, in its meeting held on 7.2.97 decided that the outstandings be adjusted by appropriation from Central Plan Assistance at the rate of 15% of the total outlay and distributed prorata to the Central Sector Undertakings who are owed money by Power Houses. This decision has helped Railways to realise Rs. 116.93 crores from Central Plan Assistance till December-1999. This includes recovery of Rs. 53 crores on account of Badarpur Thermal Power Station, and Rs. 9 crores on account of National Thermal Power Corporation.

(3) Meetings have been held with the officials of the concerned State Electricity Boards/Power Houses from time to time.

(4) Ministry of Railways has also approached Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance and Govt. of NCT, Delhi at various levels including that of Minister of Railways.